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In re Application of: Nayef M. Abu-Ageel
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Title: SWITCH-VARIABLE OPTICAL ATTENUATOR
AND SWITCH ARRAYS
Group Art Unit: 2871
Attorney's Docket No.: CORE-73

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PETITION FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

Applicant hereby petitions for a one (1) month extension of time to respond to the outstanding NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION - FILING DATE GRANTED mailed January 11, 2002 with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the time for response from March 11, 2002 to April 11, 2002.

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